

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A protective glove configured to cover the hand of a user, comprising:
 - a first portion configured for tightly fitting on at least a portion of the hand of the user; and
 - a second portion contiguous with the first portion and configured for tightly fitting on at least a portion of the hand of the user, wherein the second portion has a higher tactility than the first portion such that the user may more easily feel through the second portion than through the first portion.
2. The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein:
 - the first portion is configured to cover the palm, the back of the hand, the pinky finger, the ring finger, the middle finger, and the thumb of the user;
 - the second portion is configured to cover a portion of the tip of the index finger of the user; and
 - the first portion is configured to cover the rest of the index finger of the user not covered by the second portion.
3. The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein:
 - the glove has a first orientation wherein the first portion is configured to cover the second portion; and
 - the glove has a second orientation wherein the second portion is exposed by repositioning the first portion covering the second portion in the first orientation.
4. The protective glove as set forth in claim 3, wherein the first portion is configured to cover the entire hand of the user when in the first orientation, and wherein the first portion is configured to cover less than the entire hand of the user when in the second orientation.
5. The protective glove as set forth in claim 3, wherein:

in the first orientation the first portion defines a slit located at the part of the first portion configured to cover the back side of the index finger of the user; and

5 in the second orientation the second portion is configured to cover the tip of the index finger of the user and the first portion is configured to cover the rest of the hand of the user.

6. The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

the second portion is configured to cover the index finger of the user; and
the first portion is configured to cover the rest of the hand of the user.

7. The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

the second portion is configured to cover the tip of the thumb of the user,
the tip of the index finger of the user, the tip of the middle finger of the user, the tip
of the ring finger of the user, and the tip of the pinky finger of the user; and

5 the first portion is configured to cover the rest of the hand of the user.

8. The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

the second portion is configured to cover the index finger of the user, the
middle finger of the user, the ring finger of the user, and the pinky finger of the
user; and

5 the first portion is configured to cover the rest of the hand of the user.

9. The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

the second portion is configured to cover the entire hand of the user; and
the first portion covers approximately all of the second portion and is
configured to cover the entire hand of the user except for the tip of the index finger
5 of the user.

10. The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein the second portion is
made of polypropylene.

11. The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein the first portion is made of a material selected from the group consisting of nitrile, natural rubber latex, silicone, polyurethane, and a thermoplastic/elastomer.

12. The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein the second portion is thinner than the first portion.

13. The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

the second portion is configured to cover the index finger of the user, the middle finger of the user, the ring finger of the user, the pinky finger of the user, and the thumb of the user; and

5 the first portion is configured to cover the rest of the hand of the user.

14. The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

the second portion is configured to cover at least a portion of the thumb of the user and at least a portion of at least one of the other fingers of the user; and
the first portion is configured to cover the rest of the hand of the user.

15. The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

the first portion is configured to cover the thumb of the user;
the second portion is configured to cover at least a portion of at least one of the other fingers of the user; and

5 the first portion is configured to cover the rest of the hand of the user.

16. The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein the higher tactile portion is incorporated only into at least one of the index, middle, ring, or pinky finger stalls.

17. The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

the higher tactile portion is incorporated into the thumb finger stall; and
the higher tactile portion is incorporated into at least one of the index, middle, ring, or pinky finger stalls.

18. A protective glove configured to cover the hand of a user, comprising:
a body portion configured for tightly fitting and covering the palm and back
of the hand of the user;

5 a thumb and respective finger stalls contiguous with the body portion; and
a higher tactile portion incorporated into at least one of the thumb and
respective finger stalls, the higher tactile portion being easier for the user to feel
through than the body portion.

19. The protective glove as set forth in claim 18, wherein the higher tactile
portion is incorporated into the index finger stall and is configured to cover a
portion of the tip of the index finger of the user.

20. The protective glove as set forth in claim 18, wherein:
the glove has a first orientation wherein the higher tactile portion is covered
by one of the finger stalls; and
the glove has a second orientation wherein the higher tactile portion is
5 exposed.

21. The protective glove as set forth in claim 20, wherein:
in the first orientation the index finger stall defines a slit located at the part of
the index finger stall configured to cover the back side of the index finger of the
user; and
5 in the second orientation the higher tactile portion is configured to cover the
tip of the index finger of the user.

22. The protective glove as set forth in claim 18, wherein the index finger stall is
made entirely of the higher tactile portion.

23. The protective glove as set forth in claim 18, wherein the higher tactile
portion is incorporated into the thumb and respective finger stalls and is configured
for covering the tip of the thumb and fingers of the user.

24. The protective glove as set forth in claim 18, wherein the finger stalls are made entirely of the higher tactility portion.
25. The protective glove as set forth in claim 18, wherein:
 - the higher tactility portion is configured to cover the entire hand of the user;
 - and
 - a part of one of the finger stalls is movable in order to uncover a part of the higher tactility portion.
26. The protective glove as set forth in claim 18, wherein the higher tactility portion is made of polypropylene.
27. The protective glove as set forth in claim 18, wherein at least the body portion is made of a material selected from the group consisting of nitrile, natural rubber latex, silicone, polyurethane, and a thermoplastic/elastomer.
28. The protective glove as set forth in claim 18, wherein the higher tactility portion is thinner than the body portion.
29. The protective glove as set forth in claim 18, wherein the higher tactile portion is incorporated into the thumb and respective finger stalls and is configured for covering the thumb and respective fingers of the user.
30. A protective glove configured to cover the hand of a user, comprising:
 - a first portion configured to cover the entire hand of the user while the glove is in a first orientation, in the first orientation the first portion defines a slit located at the part of the first portion configured to cover the back side of the index finger of the user;
 - a second portion made of polypropylene and attached to the first portion, in the first orientation the second portion is covered by the first portion;

wherein the glove has a second orientation in which the second portion is exposed from the first portion and the second portion is configured to cover the 10 entire tip of the index finger of the user and wherein in the second orientation the first portion is configured to cover the rest of the hand of the user; and

wherein the second portion has a higher tactility than the first portion such that the user may more easily feel through the second portion than through the first portion.